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THE ACTING SECRETARY'S MEETING, 9:15 a.m. (attendance attached)

Mr. Herter in Chair

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Mr. Herter said the Secretary felt the Soviets might within the next few days make a move to turn over certain administrative operations in Germany to the GDR. He asked whether we have considered the various courses that we might follow in such an eventuality. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Merchant pointed out that we have been dealing on a defacto basis with the GDR for some time and that there are certain tripartite contingency papers touching on the subject. Mr. Merchant doubted there would be a full turnover of actual control but said we were awaiting Khrushchev's promised document.

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